

March 16, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 23, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Draft February 23, 2006 Minutes</u>	2. Approve Draft minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.\* Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

The Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity provides Valley residents the opportunity to comment on plans and programs at the point of initial plan analysis. The information provided includes all input received through the Joint Transportation Public Hearing held on Friday, March 10, 2006. A transcript of that hearing is included in Attachment One.

6. For information.

## ITEMS TO BE HEARD

### 7. Future of the Freeway Management System (FMS)

In 2005, the MAG ITS Committee established a Working Group to carry out a comprehensive review of the Freeway Management System and generate a white paper with recommendations to ensure that the system is able to meet freeway traffic management needs in the next 20 years. The Working Group consisted of a few members of the ITS Committee, ADOT staff responsible for the FMS and MAG staff. In generating their recommendations, the Working Group reviewed the current operation and performance of the FMS and also considered the resources and capabilities that may be required of the FMS in the future.

At present, the FMS covers about 95 miles of regional freeways. The RTP has programmed \$143 million for expansion of the FMS coverage. These funds are now programmed in the four RTP phases, based on previously determined FMS implementation priorities.

The recommendations included in the white paper identify the need to adjust the programmed amounts to allocate funds towards better equipment maintenance and the replacement of key FMS devices that reach the end of their life cycle. This is considered essential to ensure that the entire FMS operates at high levels of system reliability. The FMS white paper and the proposed modifications to RTP funding are included in Attachment Two.

### 8. Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP - Listing of Projects)

The Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP (Listing of Projects) has now been developed and is in the final stages of review prior to undergoing an air quality conformity analysis. An updated draft copy of the Listing of Projects is

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the proposed changes to RTP funding for the FMS.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP to undergo an air quality conformity analysis.

included as Attachment Three and will also be sent to interested parties. The draft TIP is expected to be approved by the MAG Regional Council on April 26, 2006, to undergo an air quality conformity analysis. Any changes to regionally significant projects notified after this stage may need to be processed separately from the draft TIP as part of a consecutive TIP Amendment. Any changes to projects included in the attached version will be notified to members on Errata Sheets.

9. Interim Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 MAG Federally Funded Program

A revised initial closeout established that there was a deficit of \$6.9 million in MAG Federal funds. By March 1, 2006, member agencies submitted requests to defer approximately \$11.2 million in projects from FY 2006 to FFY 2007 or later. As a result, the amount of funds available during the interim closeout is now just over \$4.3 million. The deadline for member agencies to submit requests for projects that can utilize these funds by the end of the Federal fiscal year is **April 28, 2006**. Please refer to the table and Memorandum in Attachment Four.

10. FY 2006 ADOT Highway Program in the MAG Region - Proposed Material Cost Increases

A.R.S. 28-6353 requires that MAG approve any change in priorities, new projects or changes that would materially increase Program costs. ADOT has requested 11 cost increases that meet the "Material Increase" criteria, which are shown in Attachment Five. Other project changes including projects that are being deferred by one year or more are being included in the new Draft 07-11 TIP (Listing of Projects), and will not require a separate action.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a list of projects to be carried forward from FY 2006 to FY 2007 or later and to make recommendations on possible priorities for utilizing MAG federal funds that become available through the FY 2006 Closeout Process.

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the Material Cost increases for the eleven projects as shown in the attached table.

11. Conformity Analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update

As part of the regional planning process, a draft of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2006 Update has been prepared. The 2006 Update summarizes the elements of the RTP (as previously adopted and amended), provides updated revenue estimates, and includes the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. The life cycle programs are consistent with the project priorities originally identified in the RTP, and provide a more detailed listing of project funding by year. Inclusion of the life cycle programs replaces the Plan phasing and project costs that were originally included in the RTP, which was adopted in November 2003. The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis will be conducted on the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update prior to consideration for final approval. Please refer to Attachment Six. Also note that a full copy of the 2006 RTP Update can be viewed on the M A G w e b s i t e a t [www.mag.maricopa.gov/display.cms](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/display.cms)

12. State Access Management Study

ADOT is undergoing a statewide study to look at access management for all state routes. This is of particular significance to the state routes that are currently classified as less than freeway status, such as SR 74, SR-85 and SR-87. The ADOT consultant has been invited to present information on the study.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2006 Update for air quality conformity analysis.

12. For information and discussion.

13. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information and discussion.

14. For information and discussion.